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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Cynthia SCHNEIDER  
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 FOR: **PICTURE FRAMING SYSTEM**

EXAMINER: JOANNE SILBERMANN  
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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on June 8, 2004, Applicant responds as follows:

Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-6, 8, and 9-11, with traverse.

The restriction requirement is traversed on the basis that Group II, Figure 7, claim 7, can be searched and examined along with the Group I claims. The

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June 8, 2004, Office Action includes no explanation or reasoning supporting the restriction requirement.

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